

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 25 and 26 without prejudice or disclaimer, add claims 27 and 28, and amend the claims as follows:

I. (Currently Amended) An inflator bag for a vehicle occupant restraining apparatus being able to expand and develop by a high-pressure gas filled in said inflator bag and is capable of restraining a vehicle occupant by being expanded and developed, comprising:

a box-shaped bag main body having gore portions on surrounding side faces to ensure a height of said box-shaped bag main body, wherein, in said gore portions, a folded line to be folded toward an inside of said box-shaped bag main body is formed in an intermediate portion in a height direction of said gore portions, which is used to allow said gore portions to be folded; and

an overlaid and folded portion formed in an end of said gore portions on said surrounding side faces with corner portions of said box-shaped bag main body being sandwiched between one surrounding side face and another surrounding side face adjacent to said one surrounding side face, wherein said gore portions are folded in a overlaid manner in said overlaid and folded portions at a same time when another gore portion on another surrounding side face is folded,

wherein said box-shaped bag main body is folded in a manner so as to be in a flat state when said gore portions are folded in a manner to form a valley line along said folded line,

wherein said box-shaped main body comprises a flat bottom plate and a ceiling plate opposite said bottom plate, and

wherein the ceiling plate is slanted with respect to the bottom plate.

2. (Previously Presented) The inflator bag for the vehicle occupant restraining apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said box-shaped bag main body comprises a hermetically sealed structure by blocking a bottom face of said box-shaped bag main body being opposite to a ceiling plate with a bottom plate.

3. (Previously Presented) The inflator bag for the vehicle occupant restraining apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said box-shaped bag main body and said bottom plate are integrally formed.

4. (Previously Presented) The inflator bag for the vehicle occupant restraining apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said box-shaped bag main body includes a resin sheet or a metal sheet.

5. (Previously Presented) The inflator bag for the vehicle occupant restraining apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said box-shaped main body has a rectangular cross-section, wherein a longitudinal side of said box-shaped main body is smaller than a horizontal side of said box-shaped main body, and

wherein opening faces on both sides of a tube-shaped body are blocked with end face plates and side face plates serving as said longitudinal side of said tube-shaped body and said end face plates make up gore portions.

6. (Previously Presented) The inflator bag for the vehicle occupant restraining apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein said tube-shaped body comprises plates having unequal wall

thicknesses, wherein wall thicknesses of an upper-face plate and a lower-face plate both serving as horizontal sides of said tube-shaped body are large, and wall thicknesses of side face plates serving as longitudinal sides are smaller than said wall thicknesses of said upper-face plate and said lower-face plate and wall thicknesses of said end face plates are equal to said wall thicknesses of said side face plates.

7. (Previously Presented) An inflator bag for a vehicle occupant restraining apparatus being able to expand and develop by a high-pressure gas filled in said inflator bag and is capable of restraining a vehicle occupant by being expanded and developed, comprising:

a hollow body having an opening formed on opposing sides of the hollow body and a cross-sectional structure in which the opposing sides of said hollow body are dented in a U-shaped manner toward an inside of a tube-shaped body in one diameter direction out of two diameter directions intersecting at right angles on said hollow body and the opposing sides of said hollow body are crushed in a manner so as to be in a plane state in another diameter direction,

wherein a bag main body comprises opened portions of said hollow body on the opposing sides and end face plates blocking the opened portions, and

wherein said bag main body is crushed in a manner so as to be in a flat state on the opposing sides in said another diameter direction.

8. (Previously Presented) The inflator bag for the vehicle occupant restraining apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein, by denting, in a U-shaped manner, portions on both sides of said tube-shaped body toward inside portions of said tube-shaped body in one diameter direction out of two diameter directions intersecting at right angles on said tube-shaped body

and, at a same time, by crushing portions on the opposing sides of said tube-shaped body in a manner so as to be in a plane state in another diameter direction, a hollow body being opened at both ends and having a cross-sectional structure in which said tube-body is crushed and wherein a bag main body is formed by blocking opened portions of said hollow body with end face plates using both sides on which said hollow body is dented in an inside direction and said end face plates as gore portions and wherein said bag main body is folded in a manner so as to be a flat state by further denting portions on the opposing sides having been dented toward an inside direction of said hollow body and serving as said gore portions and said end face plates and, at a same time, by further crushing portions on the opposing sides in another diameter direction.

9. (Previously Presented) The inflator bag for the vehicle occupant restraining apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein said end face plates have a shrunk portion formed so as to be placed in an inside of said hollow body and to develop at a time when said hollow body is filled with said high-pressure gas.

10. (Previously Presented) The inflator bag for the vehicle occupant restraining apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said inflator bag restrains a hip portion of a vehicle occupant which is mounted in a front lower portion of a seat cushion in a vehicle and expands and develops by being filled with a high-pressure gas at a time of sharp reduction of speed of a vehicle to raise a front seat face of said seat cushion which prevents a vehicle occupant being seated on a seat from being moved forward.

11. (Previously Presented) The inflator bag for the vehicle occupant restraining apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said inflator bag is used for restraining a leg portion of a seated vehicle occupant which is placed in a lower portion of an instrument panel of a vehicle and expands and develops at time of being filled with a high-pressure gas at a time of sharp reduction of speed of a vehicle.

12. (Previously Presented) The inflator bag for a vehicle occupant restraining apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said box-shaped bag main body comprises an angular-box shaped bag main body.

13. (Previously Presented) The inflator bag for the vehicle occupant restraining apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said folded portion comprises a triangular folded portion.

14. (Previously Presented) The inflator bag for the vehicle occupant restraining apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein said tube-shaped body is angularly tube-shaped.

15. (Previously Presented) The inflator bag for the vehicle occupant restraining apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein said tube-shaped body is circularly tube-shaped.

16-23. (Canceled)

24. (Previously Presented) The inflator bag according to claim 1, wherein said overlaid and folded portion formed on a front side of the main body is thicker than said overlaid and folded portion formed on a rear side of the main body.

25-26. (Canceled)

27. (New) The inflator bag according to claim 1, wherein said ceiling plate comprises a first end that contacts said flat bottom plate and a second end separated from said flat bottom plate, and

wherein a slope of said ceiling plate continuously increases from said first end to said second end.

28. (New) The inflator bag according to claim 1, wherein opening faces on both sides of a tube-shaped body are blocked with end face plates and side face plates serving as a longitudinal side of said tube-shaped body and said end face plates make up gore portions.